

Independence

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Independence NHP
143 S Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106



Building Hours and Program Guide

January, 2009

Independence Hall.....	No tour tickets required	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Access to the building is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets		
Liberty Bell Center.....		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Independence Visitor Center.....		8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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America's National Parks Museum Shop.....		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Carpenters' Hall.....	open Wednesday-Sunday.....	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The City Tavern.....		opens at 11:30 a.m.
Congress Hall		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Declaration House.....	Closed	
Deshler-Morris House.....	Closed	
Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....	Reopens to the public on January 17, 2009 open Wednesday-Sunday.....	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Franklin Court		
Fragments of Franklin Court.....	Closed	
Printing Office.....	open Wednesday -Sunday.....	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
B. Free Franklin Post Office.....	open Monday-Saturday.....	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Underground Museum.....	open Wednesday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall		9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Independence Living History Center.....	open Monday-Friday.....	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
New Hall Military Museum.....	Closed	
National Constitution Center (fee charged).....	Monday-Friday.....	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday.....	9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday.....	Noon - 5:00p.m.
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank.....	Closed	
Old City Hall.....	Closed	
Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....	Reopens to the public on February 7, 2009 open Wednesday-Sunday.....	Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Todd and Bishop White House Tour.....	Closed	

Holiday Hours

On Dr. Martin Luther King Jrs. Birthday (**January 19, 2009**) and President's Day (**February 16, 2009**) the Independence Visitors Center will be open 8:30a.m.-5:00p.m., Independence Hall, and the Liberty Bell Center will be open 9:00a.m.- 5:00p.m.

January Special Events

Happy 303rd Birthday Benjamin Franklin (January 17, 2009)

View the exhibit "Looking Through Franklin's Eyes" at the Independence Visitor Center, then pick up a Franklin Self-Guided Walking Tour Brochure to see where Franklin spent his time in Philadelphia. While in Franklin Court, spend some time in the Underground Museum where the Franklin Film Festival will show you many aspects of this famous Founder.

Edgar Allan Poe Birthday Weekend (January 17-19, 2009)

Celebrate the 200th birthday of Edgar Allan Poe and the grand reopening of the site. On 1/17, Daniel Hoffman, poet and Poe Scholar will give a special lecture at 2:00 on Poe's influence on women writers such as Joyce Carol Oates. On Monday, 1/19 (Poe's 200th birthday) the Site will be open to visitors from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Inauguration Day (January 20, 2009)

Visit Congress Hall on this historic day and see a special reenactments of John Adam's inauguration at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Learn how the peaceful transfer of power from Washington to Adams proved that our democracy worked.